



2024 NOTICE OF RACES

BUOY RACES

Organizing Authorities (OAs): Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club ("CCYC") and Chicago Yacht Club ("CYC")

May 25 - September 28, 2024

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The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1. These races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 ("RRS").
- 1.2. U.S. Sailing prescriptions will apply, except for the prescriptions to RRS 63.2.
- 1.3. [NP] All competitors shall follow governmental regulations and all the OAs rules and regulations regarding health, safety and infectious disease control.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. In the event of a conflict between this Notice of Races and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The online official notice board is located at <http://www.chicagosailracing.org/races>.
- 3.2. Failure to receive courtesy emails, text messages, or broadcasts from the Race Committee is not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.
- 3.3. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.4. Help in the form of information freely available to all boats and any publicly offered internet or broadcast weather information from sources available to all competitors, whether on a paid or free basis, is allowable.

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4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. These events are open to any boat of at least 24 feet length overall with a valid 2024 MWPHRF certificate, and boats must race in full compliance with that certificate, excluding One-Design classes as outlined in Section 4.6.
- 4.2. MWPHRF Adjusted Handicap (HCP) applies to all boats, except those boats sailing in a Jib and Main (JAM) section in which the non-spinnaker (NSHCP) rating will apply.
- 4.3. Boats must sail with at least two crew members for each race.
- 4.4. For each event, the OA(s) will provide separate classes for multihull and "jib and main" entrants if sufficient entrants exist.
- 4.5. Groups of four or more one-design boats desiring to race in a separate class may petition the OA(s) for acceptance as a class. Petitions should be addressed to info@chicagosailracing.org, and shall be made no later than 14 days prior to the start of the event.
- 4.6. One-design boats accepted as a class by an OA(s) are exempt from the requirement in section 4.1 to hold a valid MWPHRF Certificate while racing in the one-design class. Such boats are also exempt from section 4.2 of the Notice of Races and must race in compliance with the following rules.
 - 4.6.1. T-10s must comply with the rules of the National T-10 Association and the local rules of Fleet Number 2. In the event of a discrepancy between the two, the latter shall control.
 - 4.6.2. Beneteau 36.7s must comply with the Beneteau First 36.7 North American One-Design Class Rules and the local rules of the Beneteau First 36.7 Lake Michigan Fleet.
 - 4.6.3. Beneteau 40.7s must comply with Beneteau First 40.7 North American One-Design Class Rules.
 - 4.6.4. All other one-design classes must comply with their respective class rules.
- 4.7. Boats shall carry safety equipment in conformance with the CASRA Nearshore Safety Regulations available at www.chicagosailracing.org/documents.





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- 4.8. Eligible boats may enter any one or more of these Races by completing the entry form on each event's website, accessible via www.chicagosailracing.org.
- 4.9. In order to participate in one or more of these events, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees no later than 1200 hours on the Friday prior to an event's start time.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The Regular Entry Fee for each Race is \$70 for a one day event, and \$90 for a two day event. Boats entering and paying for a Race by May 1, 2024 or 30 days or more in advance of the Race's start date (whichever is later) will be entitled to pay a \$50 for a one event day and \$70 for a two event day Early Entry Fee.
- 5.2. All entry fees are refundable, subject to a \$10 administration fee. In order to receive a refund for a race, yachts must withdraw via Yacht Scoring no later than 24 hours prior to the start of a race.

6. ADVERTISING

- 6.1. Any advertising proposed to be carried by a boat must be described in the Entry Form.
- 6.2. Advertising deemed by Organizing Authorities not to be compliant with World Sailing Regulation 20 may be rejected.

7. SCHEDULE & VENUE

- 7.1. All times listed are CDT. No warning signals shall be made after 1530 hours, unless otherwise specified in Sailing Instructions or a race-specific Addendum.





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7.2. The venue for these races will be the waters of Lake Michigan, with specific starting areas and courses outlined in the Sailing Instructions . A diagram of the approximate locations of the starting areas (SA) indicated below can be found in Appendix A.

Date	Event	SA	OA	1st Warning
Saturday, May 25 & Sunday, May 26	Spring Opener	C	CCYC	1100
Sunday, June 30	Hobelman Regatta	C	CCYC	1100
Saturday, September 14	Sheldon Clark	C	CYC	1200
Sunday, September 15	Polonia Cup	A	CCYC	1100
Saturday, September 28	Fall Closer Regatta	A	CCYC	1100

8. PENALTY SYSTEM

Appendix V1 will apply.

9. SCORING

- 9.1. Time-on-Time scoring will be applied using the following formula: Time Correction Factor = $650 / (550 + MWPHRF \text{ HCP Rating})$.
- 9.2. The Low Point System (RRS A4) will apply.
- 9.3. The Race Committee will attempt to complete as many races as practicable each day.
- 9.4. A boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races. This changes RRS A2.1.
- 9.5. One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.





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10. BERTHING

To the extent possible, Organizing Authorities will make docking available to entered boats. Availability of docking for post-race parties and docking instructions will be outlined in Amendments for each Race.

11. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

12. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$500,000 per incident or the equivalent.

13. PRIZES

For each event, prizes will be given as follows:

Starters in a section	Prizes
1-4	1
5-6	2
7-14	3
15-19	4
20 or more	5





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14. PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO RIGHTS

Competitors give absolute right and permission for any photographs or video footage taken of themselves or their competing boat to be published in any media whatsoever for editorial, commercial purposes, or to be used in press information.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

Visit www.chicagosailracing.org for additional information. Please direct any questions to info@chicagosailracing.org.

16. THANKS

Thanks to all sailors for joining us for these events, and a special thanks to our sponsors!



APPENDIX A: APPROXIMATE STARTING AREAS

